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Hawks lose in final Fenelon Falcons pop Hawks 5-3 to win Kawartha crown

By Terrance Gavan

On Friday afternoon, the Fenelon Falcons brought a flock of fans, but more important, they brought a busload of heart. And they also displayed a brash willingness to challenge the league frontrunners right there on Hal High's ice. Fenelon outskated, outgunned and outplayed the previously undefeated Hal High Red Hawks 5-3, before a dynamite crowd in the Dysart Arena.

Fenelon struck first in the first, but Hawks replied less than a minute later on a goal by Tanner Ballantyne with some help from linemates' Brett Yake and Jordan Howe. That line, which has been a force all season, earned some extra scrutiny on Friday. Whenever the league's leading scorer – Yake – touched the puck, he was marked. And each time they had an opportunity to catch up with the speedy centreman, Fenelon made sure to finish the check physically and with purpose.

In fact, all three members of that powerful line were subject to additional focus from Falcon defenders who back-checked voraciously on the top Hawk line. The first frame ended in a 1-1 draw. The Falcons scored three times in the second period to stretch the lead to 4-1. Their goalie made some great stops, and during a rough, ready and close-checking second and third period, he was the difference.

Zach Harrison sat down to start the third, replaced by Andrew Elia, but none of the Fenelon Falls goals were on Harrison. In fact, the fourth goal was the result of a complete breakdown in the Hawks crease with two Falcons perched on the doorstep. Even then, it took three whacks before the puck was finally jammed home.

Coach Ron Yake said that the whole second period breakdown was an anomaly for this Hawks team. He added that the game hinged on the middle frame, but he credited the Falcons' rumbling inside game.

"Their team was ready, more ready than us, I think," said Yake. "That's the third time we've played them, and we beat them twice before. But they had a tough series to prepare for that game and we had a relatively easy series so I think that helped them. We weren't quite as ready. They battled hard and I think they outplayed us in front of both nets. They played well in front of our net and we had a hard time getting to their net."

Penalties definitely killed the Hawks in the second frame. Fenelon scored on a power play and then scored again, just as the Hawks had killed off the two-man disadvantage. However the goal came just as the penalized player was returning to the ice, so it'll go down as a PP marker in the coach's clandestine handbook.

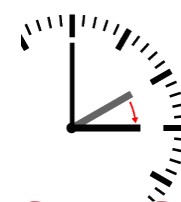
Yake says one of the hallmarks of the Hawks throughout their undefeated season has been an ability to score a lot of third period goals. And indeed the Hawks outscored the Falcons 2-1 in the third – on a pair of goals from Aaron Hillier – but as Yake later said, that reliance on third period flurries is not the best way to approach a playoff game.

"In the third period we picked it up and they took a number of penalties, which helped," said Yake.

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Derek from Saskatchewan took advantage of the beautiful weather on Wednesday and went kite boarding. Photo by Walt Griffin.



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Fearrey refutes stakeholder claims

By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey and Minden Reeve Barb Reid are responding to a viral email campaign that was directed at County Council and brought to light at council's meeting on Feb 22.

The email campaign began when Buttermilk Falls co-owner Dale Rider wrote asking council for clarification over the proposed elimination of a salaried position, interpreted as an \$80,000 cut in tourism funding. Rider encouraged others in the community to express their concern to the county and several stakeholders responded.

"We're not gutting the tourism budget," said Fearrey recently. "That's a complete farce. I'm not fond of the email campaign that's going on. We need to have another community forum with the stakeholders."

Both Fearrey and Reid want to set the record straight about actual cuts in the working budget, what amount to a \$68,000 (not \$80,000) cut to the salaried position being vacated when Economic Development Director, Bob Smith retires in April.

Fearrey, in a conversation on Tuesday, said he wants to assure all stakeholders who wrote to complain, that council remains committed to keeping Haliburton County at the cutting edge of tourism promotion.

Fearrey says the change council made, not understood by stakeholders, was a simple removal of the salary from the budget and he says that does not fundamentally impact the actual tourism budget.

Reid explained that the county has removed itself from economic development, letting that responsibility reside where it belongs, in the hands of the municipalities.

"I think the stakeholders did get the wrong end of the stick," says Reid. "We have not made cuts to the working budget."

Smith's retirement will remove a salary from the budget. One person from a three-person staff is being removed and Fearrey insists that's the only difference. Smith's departure leaves Maria Micallef and Ann Lavery working the tourism beat for the county.

"Their only priorities are raising the tourism profile in the

County of Haliburton," says Fearrey. "And from what I'm hearing, they're doing a good job." Reid said that stakeholders have nothing to worry about, but if they are concerned, County has invited Micallef to the next council meeting on March 21. It would be a perfect opportunity for stakeholders to come and review what's in store moving forward.

"People need to understand that the tourism part of the budget is not being gutted," says Fearrey. "Maria Micallef is doing her thing as tourism coordinator and we'll be discussing that with her and the stakeholders soon. We need to come up with a strategy; we can't keep throwing money at the wall."

Fearrey says that social media and partnerships in experiential tourism need to be investigated.

"People are booking vacations online and the old day of the

800 number is gone, and the fact that calls are down 30 to 35 percent at the info centre (on Hwy 35 in Minden) is an indication that we have to change," says Fearrey. "We need to be driving people to the Highlands from metro areas and we do that through social media and websites."

Reid says she is on board with the stakeholders' concerns and hopes that they will take a hard look at where the tourism budget is headed.

"The working tourism budget has risen over the last two years," says Reid. She says that monies spent have risen from approximately \$202,000 in 2010 up to about \$222,000 this year. Fearrey says this year's budget is up about \$11,000 from last year.

Reid and Fearrey both agree that the two women in charge are capable of handling the tourism position. The removal of economic development from the county necessitates the elimination of a position, says Fearrey.

And Fearrey says that's what had him seeing red at last week's council meeting.

"I really don't think the stakeholders understand that our budget for tourism is not suffering from the elimination of \$68,000 in economic development salary," says Fearrey.

Reid is confident that Micallef and Lavery can handle all facets of the position, including managing website upgrades and promotional strategies.

Barb Reid

Reeve of Minden

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Volunteer dental outreach graduates from SIRCH

Free clinic awaits charitable status

By Mark Arke

On Thursday, March 1, the VDO graduated from SIRCH to survive and flourish on its own as its organizers assumed responsibility for all aspects of the Haliburton clinic while it awaits charitable status.

In a recent joint announcement between the VDO and SIRCH Community Services, it was revealed that the dental outreach would be looking after its own affairs. A Memorandum of Agreement was recently signed in which both organizations agreed to the changes.

“SIRCH took the Volunteer Dental Outreach on as a program, which meant the clinic could get started right away,” said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson, who explained how her organization has assisted the outreach.

“During this incubator period, SIRCH has provided screening of clients. It has been able to sign lease agreements, accept charitable donations and it’s paid the bills (with those donations),” said Robertson.

The clinic, which provides free urgent dental

care to Haliburton County residents in need, was the brainchild of local dentist Bill Kerr and hygienist Lisa Stoughton. It was because of a local businesswoman, Janis Parker, that the connection with SIRCH was established.

The founders of the VDO could have gone ahead and immediately applied for incorporation and charitable status, points out Robertson, but the anticipated long wait time would have delayed efforts to get the clinic up and running.

With SIRCH’s help, the VDO was quickly able to recruit volunteers, renovate space, install equipment and officially open its doors in May of last year.

To date, the clinic’s volunteers have seen 148 patients of 191 screened by SIRCH, provided 585 appointments and completed what would have cost those patients \$197,067 in free dental care had they been paying in a private dental office. With the ongoing demand for services, the clinic’s organizers are hoping to recruit more dental professionals.

SIRCH will continue to accept donations for the VDO and will use the funds designated for this purpose to support the clinic in the management of its affairs. Once the VDO receives its charitable status, it will be divested completely from SIRCH.

Ice fisherman dies on Haliburton Lake

Scarborough man was returning to cottage

By Terrance Gavan

Officers of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are still investigating the death of a man on Haliburton Lake late on Friday evening.

Aron Douglas Royle, 36 of Scarborough, apparently fell off his machine while returning from an ice hut to a cottage on the lake. It’s not known whether he is a local cottager or was just visiting.

The cause of death is unknown; the OPP reports that there was no initial indication that alcohol was involved.

When police arrived, Royle had no vital signs and was being helped by first responders from Haliburton Fire and Rescue and Haliburton EMS. Friends were already assisting Royle when emergency services arrived on the scene, on Harburn Road at around 9 pm. Royle was rushed to Haliburton Highlands Health Services in Haliburton and was pronounced dead on arrival.

OPP spokeswoman, Constable Sandy Adams, said that the cause of death would probably be determined after an autopsy is performed.

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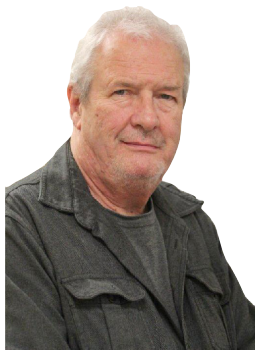
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Editorial opinion



By Stephen Patrick

The condos are coming, come what may

Four years ago a prominent Waterloo area developer, Mady Development Corporation, announced plans to build a large condominium overlooking Head Lake on the site of the old Fleming College. The six-storey development, dubbed Watercolours, offered 150 upscale units in an imposing building that would have easily been the most dominant feature of Haliburton Village.

As soon as the development was announced, a committee of neighbours and 'concerned citizens' was formed to demand changes to the plans. The concerns ranged from the sheer size of the development to its impact on Haliburton's water table, traffic concerns, neighbours losing access to the sun, and so on.

The committee managed to force an OMB review, costly for the developers, and that, combined with the dire economic downturn in the fall of 2008, managed to put the project on a semi-permanent hold. There was much civic, business, and political anger directed against the neighbourhood committee for daring even to raise questions.

There were also many rumblings to the effect that the temporary failure of Watercolours would mark the Highlands, and in particular Haliburton Village, as being unfriendly to new condo development.

But lo and behold! Just a short year ago, along came Muskoka D&M, in the persons of Doug Grey and Pat Dube, who in remarkable time have managed to get Granite Cove — a 30-unit, four-storey building — up and running (with 29 units sold), and another, Granite View — a 24-unit, three-storey building — approved by council for technical, engineering studies. Already the developers have had serious indications of interest from at least 10 potential buyers.

Indeed, many of the neighbours who formed the committee that protested Watercolours made a point of going to council to add their voice of support to Granite Cove, even though the chosen site was but a few short metres away from Watercolours. As for the 24-unit project, there was some concern expressed from neighbours (see story on page 6 of this issue), but the developers, at a public meeting, addressed those concerns in a straightforward, upright manner.

Muskoka D&M have successfully developed similar projects in Bracebridge and Parry Sound, and seem to have the enviable knack of listening to local demands and needs, and tailoring their developments accordingly. They want to build what's clearly needed, and wanted, in a manner that doesn't take over the town — they are adamant that their projects blend in with their surroundings in style, landscaping and scale.

The company has also proved that the Highlands can be very friendly indeed to development that is well thought out, and is respectful of local concerns — and local incomes.

The pressure to develop more of these projects will only intensify in the coming years. Our lakes are essentially at their residential and recreational capacities. And no one wants extensive back lot development, although that pressure won't go away anytime soon either.

As the county, and the municipalities, look ahead to the next phase of strategic planning, they will surely recognize that we will need to utilize our small villages and towns as appropriate sites for these kinds of projects. When, that is, the developers are as canny and far-sighted as Muskoka D&M seem to be.



By Bram Lebo

The chicken has 11 parts

I was once lectured by a Kentucky Fried Chicken employee after asking if it would be possible to have just white meat in my two-piece meal.

"The chicken has eleven parts," began her treatise, but I wasn't there long enough to find out what number 11 might be. Not sure I want to know.

Clearly, knowing the details of avian anatomy helps make KFC the efficient operation that it is, withheld apologies to dieticians and chickens everywhere notwithstanding. Likewise, as I alluded to last week, having a deeper appreciation of the components of economic development here in The Highlands would probably make the sum of its parts a more effective whole.

As you may recall, I suggested there are four parts to economic development: tourism, new residents, attracting business and attracting government investment. What I haven't seen discussed (though, to be fair, it may very well be on the minds of county and municipal councils) is a measure of the size of these opportunities and an analysis as to how much effort we should expend on each.

In marketing, they talk about "lifetime customer value" — that's the sum of all the money a person successfully reached by a marketing campaign will spend with your business, or in this case, our county. A potential tourist, for example, on hearing about The Highlands, might organize a weekend trip for four, spending \$1,000 on accommodation, food and recreation. They might do this annually, and could even bring friends, making their total contribution over the years perhaps \$20,000 or more. In other words, the value to the county of capturing this one person, in terms of economic benefits to local businesses and employees — the lifetime customer value — is \$20,000.

Knowing this figure, or at least an approximation of it, is important because it tells us how much we should be prepared to spend for each tourist who arrives. In this example, if we spend \$20,000 on a marketing campaign and "convert" one person to a regular visitor, we've broken even. Not really, because the county itself isn't a single business, but essentially \$20,000 has left the county to bring \$20,000 in. If our campaign brings in 500 tourists, the net benefit may be \$10 million, which is an excellent return indeed.

Then we can look at what types of activities deliver the best return. If spending on advertising brings in twice the value in tourists as spending the same amount on trade shows, obviously we should put more into advertising and less into trade shows.

This approach to marketing — subtracting acquisition costs from lifetime customer value to reach a return on investment — can be useful in ensuring we spend our scarce dollars wisely and choose the activities with the best results. But where it may be even more relevant is in comparing the return on investment among the four parts of economic development.

Because while our imaginary advertising campaign might boost local economic fortunes by \$10 million, we should also be comparing that investment return to other potential "customers", namely residents, businesses and government grants — what is their lifetime value to the county? How much effort and money should be put into chasing \$10 million in government grants or new business, given that each effort (along with tourists) has a success rate well below 100 percent?

The answer is not obvious, and it will be constantly changing depending on everything from the weather to who's holding elected office. But there is value in information, and the exercise is vital to make sure each of the municipalities, and the county, is expending time, effort and money on the right activities, those that produce the greatest returns.

And as I said last week, this kind of exercise generally needs leadership and coordination. It's great that Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid and County Warden Murray Fearrey have confidence in the tourism marketing team to handle that part of the chicken — er, economic development effort — but there's a larger picture to be viewed and considered, and leaving each municipality to itself is a recipe for duplication. There is also the problem that one municipality may not have enough money alone to make a serious impact. There's power in numbers and working together.

Certainly it's possible that the county and municipalities coordinate among themselves, but there really should be a single person, a member of staff or a councilor, who steps up, makes sure the analysis gets done and then leads everyone in allocating resources. Because, generally, in situations where there are lots of parts and competing activities, resources and objectives, it's a good idea to have a champion, someone to lead the way and keep everyone on track.

A colonel, if you will.

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Letters to the Editor

The chicken and the egg?

Dear Editor:

Mr. Bram Lebo’s February 23 editorial was very interesting indeed.

Did he just look at one side of the coin? What about the other side? Why do many of our compatriots flock to Wal-Mart and Dollar Stores? Why is it that we desire products at prices that cannot support \$20/hr wages for the workers who make the goods?

Why, in the past, did people with very good salaries, who were working at Canadian auto plants, buy (cheaper) imports (long ago when “imports” where actually imported from regions where wages were low)?

Is it a “chicken or egg” question? Was consumer

“greed” the start of the down spiral Mr. Lebo so laments — or was it corporate “greed”?

I suggest that corporations want to produce returns to their owners (nobody loans/invests money to lose it). Governments do not seem to have any long-term vision and cave in to the public demand to lower prices, which leads to free trade deals.

All I can say is: “to earn a fair wage you have to be prepared to pay a fair price”. We may no longer be able to reverse the trend — it seems that the proverbial horses have left the barnyard.

*Wilf Loewrigkeit
Gooderham*

It’s hard work to have nice trails

Dear Editor:

On Sunday March 5 my friend and I went for a ride on the Haliburton and Minden trails. We started in Haliburton to go to Minden and back, but the trails were not groomed for Sunday riders and the moguls were outrageous. The trails B103, B112, #4 and the B trails all had trees and branches across them from the wind storm the day before; don’t you check your trails?

I was a volunteer for 15 years at a club in the Ottawa area. I drove groomers, was a trail patroller and was in charge of signage. The OFSC wants all clubs to have the same signage, so why do you guys have yellow circles with black arrows and blue circles with white arrows on your trails? Standard signs are the yellow 12”x12” with a black arrow.

Minden is so happy about the new floating bridge because it will bring in revenue to the town, but when in town, I saw only one sign for a bakery. Did I spend money in the town? NO!! The new maps that are on the trails are a nice touch, but to see where you were was not

marked. There should be “YOU ARE HERE” marked on it.

On our way down the #4 trail we saw another nice map sign and the B trail. The B trail was not shown, and we had no idea which way to go on the B trail to get back to Haliburton until a local rider showed us; again signage will help. We were not impressed, and a group of six from Peterborough were also upset with the signage, having driven from there to ride your trails.

Yes, we are volunteers and my friend did call to volunteer with Haliburton, offered to help, but no one called him. No one checked the trails for downed trees after a big wind storm, and that is frustrating. Where is the permit money going? Will I ride in this area again? Maybe next year, if trails improve. If someone calls and wants to help, they should accept the help. It is hard work to have nice trails.

*Mike Schneider
Snowmobiler*

The Outsider — “Same difference, innit”

I’ve always hated this particular English saying: “Same difference, innit”. How can something possibly be the same but a difference? It’s a contradiction in terms, a fool’s answer to a question deemed impossible to figure out. It’s plain stupid as far as I’m concerned. And as for ‘innit’, this idle bastardization of the phrase isn’t it has become a slang used nationally by the youth of my fair isle. It’s as synonymous as the great Canadian eh, a useless punctuation at the end of a sentence and I can assure you I’ll never use either, hopefully!

But same difference is, for all its ridiculousness, probably an apt way of describing family, whether they be English, Canadian, French, Russian, Martian or even American.

You see, on my big vacation to the motherland, I’ve traveled from the heady delights of London up north to visit my family in the heart of England; and, while the landscape, customs, food, accents, beer (lovely warm flat beer) — almost everything is a vast change from what I’ve grown used to in Canada — family is the same. The same as I remember and also the same as I see in the households of Haliburton County.

For a start, there are the grandmas. Since being blessed by the arrival of Little Z, my lovely wife and I have seen a new and sometimes frightening side to our respective mothers. They have turned from the dependable caregivers that nurtured us through our childhoods into crazy grinning

monsters who feed on the smiles and chuckles of their grandson. If they see him regularly they remain relatively passive but (and here’s where moving to Canada wasn’t a good idea) if deprived of grandchild smiles they become enraged and seek vengeance on those limiting their smile habit, demanding ever more face time with said grandchild. This is fine, you might think, but when two grandmas are vying for the same grandson things can get really ugly.

Thankfully, grandpas come in useful here. Now, grandpas aren’t usually useful to a grandson until he’s old enough to go fishing or drink his first pint, but just by being around they deflect some of the grandma love (the baby addiction) by needing to be fed and watered themselves. This gives the parents of the grandchild in question the vital seconds required to escape and recharge their baby before the next onslaught.

Then there are brothers, sisters and siblings in-law. These folk are not so needy when it comes to children. In fact they often have a gaggle of their own to cope with and so are not best pleased when left holding someone else’s baby. They do have their uses though. The men folk make good temporary partners to visit the local pub with, often jumping at the chance to get out of the house and imbibe a pint (of lovely flat warm beer) or two.

Sisters, I have to admit, are often saddled with the job of

Break-in crosses the Lions

Dear Editor:

The subject of this letter may well fall within the category of “community awareness”, because it certainly defies any other category if it is to be taken seriously. Briefly, I have the unpleasant task of reporting to our community that the Minden Lions Club hall has suffered the offence of having been broken into.

It is impossible to imagine what was going through the mind(s) of whoever committed the offence. Is there anyone out there that does not realize that the only gold in the Lions Hall is in the colour of our banner? That the only cash, raised from public service and public contributions, has long been secured in what most non-delusional persons would call a bank? That the only food in the Hall would be the makings for the fine spaghetti dinner offered the third Friday of each month; and, that if you can’t afford the \$10, just help us wash the dishes and clean up?

The community should know that we do not want to “find the dirty culprit(s)” that did this. We do not want to have the community or the intruder(s) embarrassed further. What we do want, and very seriously, is to receive a phone call telling us what it was that was needed so badly. Because we would like to offer that to you: no names, no repercussions, just a community service.

Best regards,

*Jim McKinnon (Lion Jim)
Minden*



By Will Jones

feeding us, this being their usual role as mum to their own. However, to use them purely as kitchen slaves would be cruel and somewhat stupid because they can turn nasty and that isn’t a pleasant sight.

And that brings me to nephews and nieces. Oh how fantastic and utterly infuriating they are, all at the same time. “Uncle William what’s Canada like?”

“Well, young Samuel, Canada is this amazing land where bears and wolves run free, where trout leap from every stream, where the stars are so bright...” Hold on a minute, where did he go? He got bored with your story, I’m told by his mum, my sister, who is grinning wryly.

“But you told me he was so excited that I was coming home,” I blurt out.

“He was, but I guess the reality of you was a little less fantastic than the idea he had of his great Canada-conquering uncle,” she cackles.

Oww! I’m shot down in flames, put in my place, kicked into touch, whatever metaphor you care to mention, in no uncertain terms. But I guess that’s what families are for, no matter where you live or how far and wide you travel.

They are your bedrock and reality check. Whether English, Canadian, French, Russian, Martian or even American, it’s the same difference, innit!

Dysart et al

Developer soothes blasting concerns

Decision on re-zoning expected this month

By Terrance Gavan

A standing-room only crowd greeted Dysart et al councilors during a public planning meeting on Monday.

Four zoning by-law decisions were tabled (three passed without comment), but it was obvious from the start that the crowd was there specifically to address the plans for the proposed Granite View Condo complex, a 24 unit, three-storey building slated for construction at the corner of Mountain Street and Lake Avenue in Haliburton.

If it passes through the planning process at council's next scheduled meeting, the condo is expected to enter the construction phase in August or September, depending on advance reservation numbers.

The meeting was attended by a great number of interested ratepayers, but adjacent property owners came prepared with specific questions for the site's developers, Doug Grey and Pat Dube, regarding possible environmental, aesthetic and excavation impacts on neighbouring properties.

Barb Morrow — who wrote a detailed letter that appeared in *The Highlander* last week — told the meeting on Monday that she was concerned about possible damage from excavation blasting, a concern expressed by a number of other property owners with residences located along the excavation outlines. Many neighbours were very concerned about possible foundational and structural damage that even controlled blasting might have on their house foundations and sewer lines.

Grey took great pains to assure all residents that he and his partner are using fully-insured excavation experts, and maintained that they were also working in conjunction with Dysart et al engineers to ensure that there would be no blasting damage. Grey explained that they have conducted

blasting in six other similar projects in Bracebridge and at the Granite Cove property, currently under construction overlooking Head Lake in Haliburton. He assured residents that, thus far, no major issues or damage have been detected.

"Not yet," said one audience member. Grey nodded and said that there are no unconditional guarantees, but explained that these foundation excavations have been undertaken in equally challenging urban settings without incurring damage to existing structures or sewer lines.

"These people are experts, and they are insured to the hilt, because it's in no one's interest — not ours and not theirs — to damage any neighbouring property during the course of construction," said Grey. He added that so far, their other buildings have been constructed without any serious community complaints.

He assured the crowd that the surrounding residences would all be checked before blasting begins, by certified engineers who will be performing comprehensive structural checks on homes in the vicinity.

He said that all existing cracks in foundations would be noted, and that sound foundations without existing problems or cracks would be logged. If a crack appears after blasting, the anomaly would be addressed by the excavators and repaired on their dime.

"If residents note any damage after blasting, the company and engineers will undertake repairs," said Grey. He added that if sewers or drains were compromised, they too would be repaired by the excavators as part of their commitment to the project.

A few residents questioned whether the current lagoon and sewer system could sustain those 24 new units. Grey said that sewer and lagoon servicing was a big part of their initial planning and told the audience that they had received assurances from Dysart et al that the project was sustainable.

Dysart's Director of Planning, Pat Martin, stepped in at that point and assured the residents that the requisite tests have been done and that the municipal lagoon and sewer system has more than enough capacity to handle those 24 units.

Dube told residents that

they were installing a state-of-the-art water purification system for the development. He also told residents that Haliburton was blessed with a huge aquifer, and that the 24 units' water needs would not significantly impact the town's existing supplies.

Questions surrounding cars, extra traffic and parking were also addressed in the course of the 60-minute hearing, with

some audience members questioning the ability of the condo complex to handle the issue of tenant spaces and additional traffic. Grey said that underground parking would handle the automobiles for residents with a generous outdoor parking area for visitors.

In an interesting aside, he added that owners and tenants will be restricted to one car per residence, noting that one of the goals of his company's building strategy is to ensure that their projects are core-centric, within walking distance of downtowns. Grey and Dube explained it's an important factor in keeping rural downtowns vibrant and sustainable into

the future.

A number of residents took the opportunity to remind council and the developers about the unique nature of the Lake Avenue corner, which some residents said is a hazard at any speed because of a blind left turn on Lake from Mountain that makes it impossible for people to see traffic coming the other way.

Morrow and several other residents said that traffic on that corner is already hazardous, citing numerous year-round speed limit infringements. Others added that Lake Avenue, which is a one-way access to Highland Street, is especially hazardous, with its steep grade and obstructed entrance.


Grey concurred on those points, but explained that this was a problem that would probably be addressed best by council, traffic enforcement or some other method. He said that the building would not add to the speeding problem, but that more tenants might be able to bring the issue to Dysart council and the OPP.

The planning session ended with council taking note of the suggestions and recommendations, and adding them to a draft amendment of the current rezoning by-law.

On a fuzzy note, the developers pleased a great number of people in attendance with their assurance that a large maple tree on the property will remain intact.

Doug Grey
Developer

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State of the Arts



By Victoria Ward

Googles, posted, liked and shared – the new curators

Two weeks ago, our publisher made some very interesting points in his editorial regarding cameras that capture, in his case, incorrect traffic violations. The article highlighted the very real problem with Bill C-30 and its invasive techniques that will allow the state to essentially peruse your emails via your ISP. The government's claim is that it will help catch child pornographers.

There are many things wrong with this kind of thinking and the thinking that put a robot camera up at an intersection to catch tired drivers who just want to get home. Mr. Lebo outlined it well and I see no need to rework the ideas here.

I am, however, intrigued by the ever-increasing issue of surveillance and its impact on our culture. Some of my favourite curatorial projects of the last few years have been by artists who have sifted through millions of Google street view photos and created online galleries from them. The Google street views are those images that pop up when you are on a map or Google Earth and you want to take a closer look at your destination. Google employed cars with robot cameras atop to take imagery in cities and places all over the world – except where I live which is still a blur, a beautiful and anonymous blur.

The imagery that some of these artists have found is stunning – prostitutes in broad daylight talking to customers in vans with legible business logos on the doors; people pulling down their pants; people pointing guns; houses on fire, assaults, floods, some absolutely gorgeous scenery and many absurdist compositions due to the momentary and unintended snap of the robot camera. My cousin was even caught exiting a pharmacy, an exposure which prompted her to express her outrage on Facebook. An example of irony or unwitting sarcasm? I can't tell which anymore.

The Google imagery is entertaining and sometimes quite lovely but its importance is still debatable. The point, I would think, is just how readily a multibillion-dollar corporation was allowed to cover the earth with cameras, photographing us without our consent. That the state has cameras on us in hot spots in cities (or everywhere in England) isn't so much a surprise, but that makes it no less an infringement on our basic rights. But Google? We've allowed it to have everything of ourselves, right down to the moment we have to rush to the drugstore to get desperately needed thingies for that thingy that's wrong with us. So long privacy and intimacy, I did love you.

Artists are not ones to pass up a great opportunity, especially when there are visuals involved. Ideas and imagery from this

ongoing global experiment in surveillance and public/private ritual is a treasure chest of items destined to be manipulated into art. Photography is a very new art form, not like painting which has thousands of years of experimentation and innovation behind it.

The camera is a technological tool that captures moments, and its operators and operations are very much interested in pushing that momentary boundary. A photo seeks to be more than documentation in this era; it is an experience on its own. Digital photography has cast a spell on us, and we want to revel in the act of verisimilitude that it bestows on us. Artists love this technology, and why not: it's easy to use and it's cheap compared to the costs of slides and hiring a photographer.

But of course the public is now as involved in this creative community as any artist is. We now post many images of ourselves, our families, what we like and what we don't on many different platforms, each signifying little; but together they tell us that people haven't changed. We love our kids, hate taxes, get righteously indignant and like stuff – lots and lots of stuff. We are all curators now.

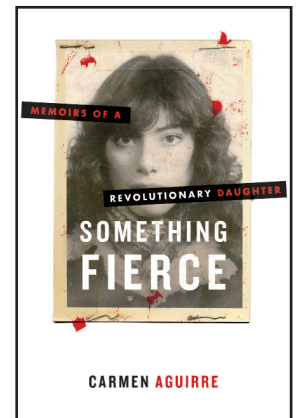
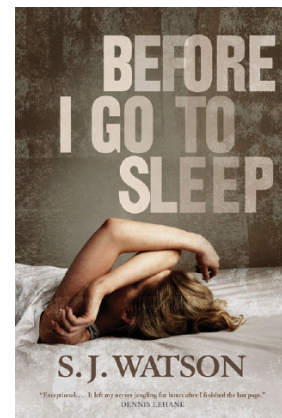
However, since we live in this accelerated culture of technofascism where things are invented and used without public debate or understanding, this wonderful technology is now used to spy on us. And perhaps we are ok with this. Although there does seem to be a smattering of outrage here and there, for the most part there doesn't seem to be an occupy Google movement happening anywhere. Though it might be just user ignorance, we are also ok with sharing way too much about ourselves on the Internet anyway.

An artist however has one advantage. We are taught to manipulate a medium and not the other way around. I am reminded of interdisciplinary artist Hasan M. Elahi. He was told on re-entering the US in 2003 he was on a terrorist watch list. Instead of getting a lawyer, he got a camera and filmed every second of his day. He then flooded US authorities with his minutiae. The FBI became overwhelmed with information. Since that time, Facebook and other platforms can be as frustrating as they are helpful to departments like the FBI or RCMP.

To a certain extent our 'overlords' can no longer keep up with the information out there on citizens. Surveillance of the sort I mention here has become an activity of infinite tedium for the bureaucrats that do it and perhaps we are wearing their curiosity down. Only an artist is crazy enough to leaf through a million images of life in order to create something, and if that information is about a traffic violation or being a terrorist, it likely won't be used against you. But it just might end up on a gallery wall near you.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of March 5 – March 11.



HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *Before I Go To Sleep* by SJ Watson
2. *Zero Day* by David Baldacci
3. *Death Comes To Pemberley* by PD James
4. *11/22/63* by Stephen King
5. *The Litigators* by John Grisham

HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *Something Fierce* by Carmen Aguirre
2. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
3. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
4. *From This Moment On* by Shania Twain
5. *The 17 Day Diet* by Mike Moreno

Immediately after the Academy Awards were held, we at the library noticed how patron reservations have virtually skyrocketed on many of the Oscar-nominated movies on DVD. Interestingly enough, three of the films recognized by the Academy, *Moneyball*, *Hugo* and *The Descendants*, are titles that the library owns both as DVDs and in their original pre-adaptation book form. *Moneyball* is based on a non-fiction book of the same title by Boomerang author Michael Lewis.

Hugo was adapted from the beautifully written and illustrated junior fiction novel, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick. *The Descendants*, which stars George Clooney, was adapted from the novel by Kauai Hart Hemmings (and this film won for Best Adapted Screenplay). You can read all books and watch all the movies for free from your library.

Library News

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Aging Well

The bathroom can be a dangerous place



By Penny Brown

Dear Penny,

I know that most accidents in the home happen in the bathroom and I think you said something about how to make a bathroom safe. We have a sliding glass door in the tub that my daughter said would be safer than a curtain because you can hold on to it. What else should we do to be sure our bathroom is as safe as it can be?

Curious George

Dear George,

The bathroom can be a dangerous place, it's true. But there are some simple changes you might consider and many good devices you can install to make it safer.

For starters, I am not a fan of those sliding glass doors you mention. They make access to the tub difficult, which means it's hard to bathe a small child and even harder to help an adult to get out if they have had an accident or require assistance. Plus, it's tempting to use those doors for support and they are not designed for bearing weight.

Keep in mind: the bigger the opening, the safer the tub will be. It's as simple as that.

Stall showers are safer than tubs. If you have a stall shower, use it instead of a tub; tubs require good strength to get up and down and good balance to get in and out.

If you don't have a stall shower, you should have two grab bars in the tub. The first bar should be on the wall at the entrance to the tub. The lower end of the bar should be at waist height and the upper end should be tilted towards the opposite wall so it is not vertical, but on an angle over the tub. The second bar should be horizontal, at waist height on the far wall.

Some people don't want the mess and expense of installing grab bars and choose a tub rail that works equally well; it fits over the edge of the tub without causing damage. In your case, a tub rail is not an option because your sliding glass doors limit available space.

A bath seat helps too. They are inexpensive and portable. More importantly, standing takes a good deal of energy and is not necessary for showering. A bath seat allows you to shower at leisure without strain. Whether you use a stall shower or take your shower in the tub, a bath seat improves the safety margin substantially.

A wet tub can be incredibly slippery so be sure to use a rubber bath mat or friction strips. If you're sticking the strips to the bottom of the tub, you may need two packages to be sure there are no slippery spots.

Check the security of your towel bars. If someone grabs that bar during a fall, will it hold? If not, have it properly secured. A tension pole between the ceiling and floor offers additional security in the bathroom.

Keep the lid of the toilet closed so you have a safe place to sit if you need to quickly.

Protect yourself from scalding injuries by lowering the temperature on your hot water tank. Older skin is fragile and it takes only a few seconds of exposure to sustain a burn. Setting your hot water heater to a high of 110-120°F is more than sufficient. If for some reason you don't want to do that, you need a preset thermostatic valve for protection.

Pay attention to your bathroom rug because it can be a major hazard. Be sure it has a good, gripping backing so it does not slide. Bath rugs that are old and worn out lose their gripping power and should be replaced.

If you want to be absolutely sure you've covered everything, call to your local home care office and ask for a safety assessment. Home care will send a nurse or occupational therapist to assess your bathroom and make specific suggestions, to make sure it's as safe an environment as it can possibly be.

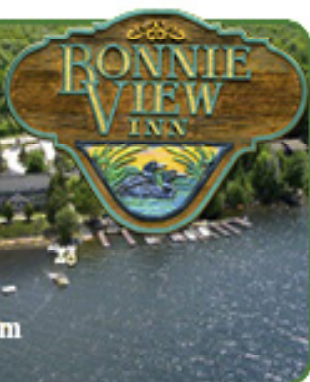
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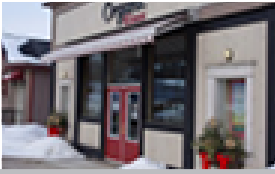
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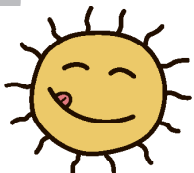
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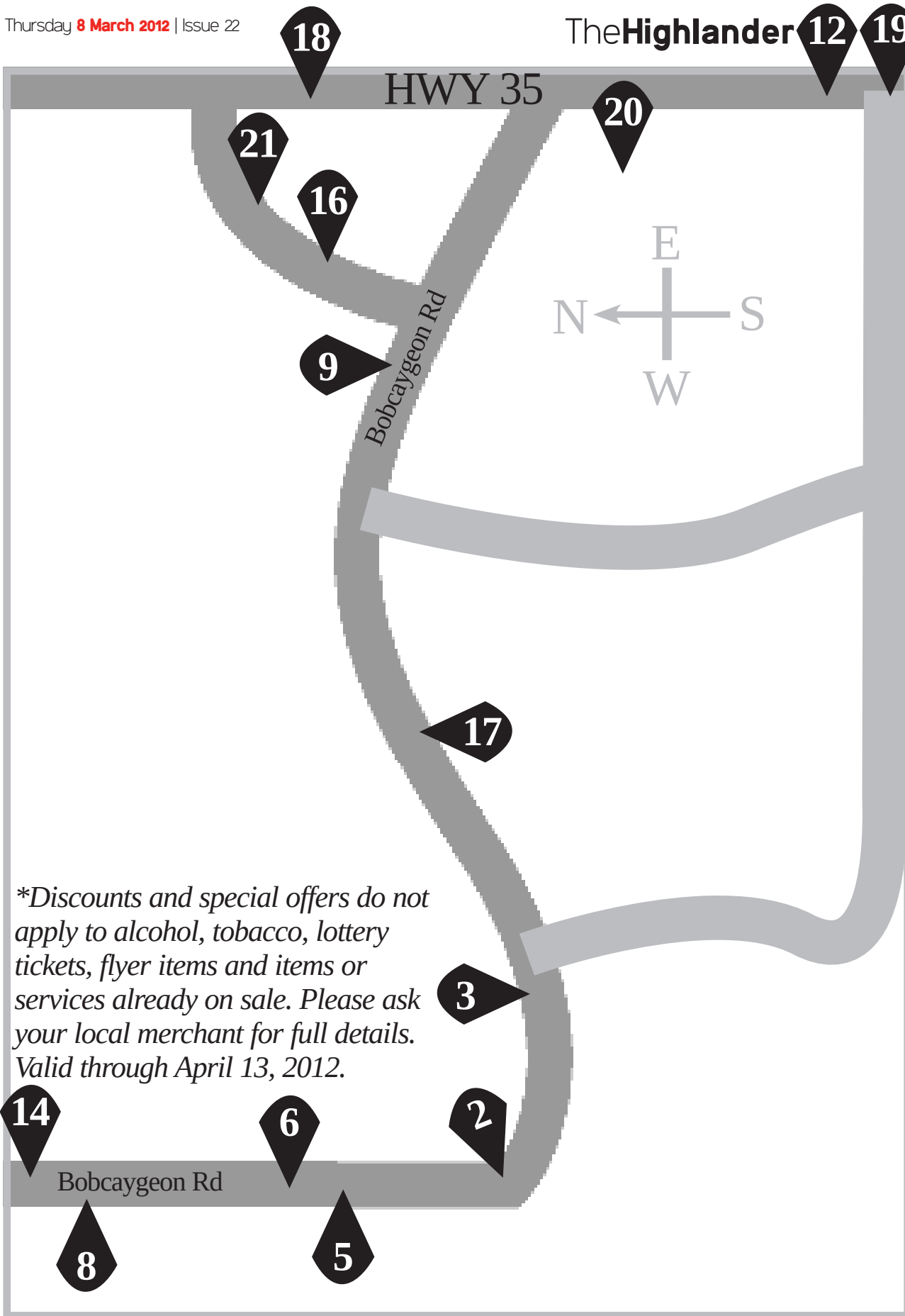
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Dysart et al

Condo approvals: behind the scenes

To confirm her research, Dysart Planning Director Pat Martin took a day-trip to Bracebridge to look at the work and attention to detail. She was particularly concerned about what the properties looked like aesthetically, and found that the developers had gone to great lengths to ensure that the landscaping was in place, including the planting of trees.

By Terrance Gavan

The open planning hearing held last Monday in Dysart et al council chambers was packed. Residents, neighbours and a healthy number of people with environmental concerns had plenty of questions about blasting, liability, possible excavation repercussions, the health of trees, sewage lagoon capacity and other major and minor considerations. [See full story on page 6.]

It appears likely that council will lend their support to the three-storey zoning amendment at its next meeting. That does not necessarily mean that the developers will be getting a green light to pop shovels in the ground — far from it.

Dysart Planning Director Pat Martin told The Highlander what happens next, provided council gives its support to the rezoning by-law.

“Yes, the planning process gets confusing,” says Martin. “When we get a project request like the one we got for Granite View, I go through a preliminary review to ensure that at broad planning scale it’s [the rezoning and the plan] viable.” Martin says that she does a thorough study, which could include the developers’ history and long-term intentions, the breadth of the project, and whether or not the proposed building suits all other municipal, county and provincial guidelines.

In the case of Granite View, says Martin, most parts of that comprehensive study had

already been done, because the developers are the same guys who have already begun construction on Granite Cove, a 30-unit building on the shores of Head Lake. Before she passed along the Granite Cove request to Dysart Council, Martin said she did a due diligence review of Grey and Dube, first verifying that they had a good track record with this type of development.

“They had similar buildings in Bracebridge, Gravenhurst and Parry Sound,” says Martin. To confirm her research, she took a day-trip to Bracebridge, just to take a look at the work and attention to detail. She said that she was particularly concerned about what the properties looked like aesthetically, explaining that the developers had gone to great lengths to ensure that the landscaping was in place, including the planting of trees.

That's important, because both Haliburton condo projects had to present council with an aesthetic that would fit into the general décor of the surrounding properties and landscape.

Once her initial review is complete, Martin pores over working reports from municipalities where the buildings were previously built. She says that condo projects hold a distinct advantage because they must register with Tarion Warranty Corporation. Tarion is a private corporation, established in 1976 to protect the rights of new home buyers and regulate new home builders.

"That's the nice thing about working with a condo complex," says Martin. "They register with Tarion and [Tarion holds] the security to ensure that the building is built properly." That relieves a lot of the pressure that might

otherwise be borne by the municipality.

Following council's approval of the by-law amendments – which is probable since no vocal opposition from neighbours was noted – it's then up to the builders to begin the lengthy process of setting up the engineering specifications, including water, sewage, blasting and excavation details. All those engineering specifications have to be submitted to Dysart for a peer-to-peer review with Dysart's engineers. Only after specs have been verified by Dysart's peer reviewers can the developer begin.

After the meeting on Monday, we had a chance to chat with developer Doug Grey; he's pretty confident that they will get the go-ahead from council to proceed with the costly engineering studies. Grey said he and Dube have issues of their own to sort out before they begin to build. For one, Grey says they like to have 50 percent of the units sold before they stick a shovel in dirt. Grey says that Granite Cove has already sold 29 of the 30 units, and he adds that interest is already running high for its sister project, Granite View.

"It looks pretty good," says Grey. "People are walking into Peter Brady's every day, inquiring about it."

He said that Brady already has 10 reservations (not deposits) confirmed on Granite View. That's already pretty close to the magic number of 12 verified sales that would have to be generated in order to begin the construction. The reservation process is no guarantee of a sale, but it does give a good indicator of interest in the condo.



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The Fenelon Falcons outskated, outgunned and outplayed the previously undefeated Hal High Red Hawks 5-3, before a dynamite crowd in the Dysart Arena.
Photos by Terrance Gavan.



Undefeated no more

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"We were able to score those two, but that wasn't enough."

They'll be playing in Belleville on Tuesday in the COSSA playoffs, facing off against North Hastings, a team that they tied and beat this year in tournaments. "We've had two really close games against North Hastings, so it should be a challenging game," said Yake.

"We'll be playing in a large arena and that's good, because we generally play a little bit better on bigger ice surfaces."

Fenelon Falls will play Trenton in their semi final COSSA tilt.

Bench Bits: Big Nate Feir and smooth skating Ryan Hunter were both out of the lineup on Friday with a shoulder and the flu, but Yake is hoping that both will be ready for Tuesday.

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PardontheEruption

Campaign against homophobia is Burke's real legacy

By Terrance Gavan

There's a Seinfeld episode where George and Jerry become embroiled in a farcical dance centered around a university newspaper feature that linked the two romantically. For 22 and a half minutes, George and Jerry felt compelled to tell friends repeatedly that the story was a ruse. The explanation started with: "No we're not gay." Followed immediately by: "Not that there's anything wrong with that." It's a funny piece. Because it stokes the fires of an inane and almost existential subservience to "political correctness." We grasp immediately the level of discomfort and we commiserate with their pain. We are infinitely supportive of gay couples, gay marriage and we have an unlikely and mostly well-heeled assortment of gay friends. We are, in other words, the product of a comprehensive liberal arts university program, which started and ended every day in the offices of The Manitoban, where 70 per cent of the staffers were gay. Before university? I had also hung out with gays. I just never knew it. We had been to a wedding of a football player we knew in university, who was a closeted berserker on the gridiron, before coming out with a vengeance back in 1985 or so. Johnny K and I were dragged around an assortment of rough trade bars by our linebacker friend at a Toronto Grey Cup some years back. John and I were remarkably underdressed in Winnipeg Blue Bomber jerseys, a tad understated for the leather chaps, tattoo and piercings galore crowd. And once our linebacker disappeared into a mosh pit at our third saloon, we made a beeline to the door. Our plan going into each of the three gay bars was simple. "JK," I said. "If you get approached, I'm with you. If I get approached, you're with me." Then we looked at each other, smiled, and said: "Not that there's anything wrong with being

approached." Point is, there is a lingering awareness no matter how liberal you say you are, that most of us 'straights' make a beeline to the backpedal, when our heterosexuality is questioned. Our friend, the linebacker, could never come out while toiling as one of the meanest sum' beeches playing junior football in Manitoba. Jerry and George found the label oppressively embarrassing, and your agent and Johnny K went in eyes wide shut, subordinately aware of our entrenched bias. Not exactly a eureka moment, but telling nonetheless. It made us aware of a simple fact. It would have been ludicrous back in the late seventies and early eighties to come out as a gay football player. Today, it's still considered as career suicide, on the turf, on the court, and especially on arena ice. That's why it's refreshing to see Brian Burke, erstwhile architect of the Toronto Maple Leafs Stanley Cup Dreamworks project bring some compassion, understanding and yes, brawn to the issue of homophobia in Canadian hockey. Last Sunday, Brian and his son Patrick began the You Can Play campaign, an advocacy program for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender athletes. Brian and Patrick sally forth with purpose to remember a son and a brother, Brendan, who before he died tragically in an automobile accident in 2010, announced that he was gay. Brendan was one of the good-uns. When he came out in 2009 he was an equipment manager with the Miami University Redhawks hockey team. He wasn't a star, he wasn't a great hockey player, he didn't come out because his father was Brian Burke. He wanted only to shed some light on a problem. He desperately wanted to make a difference for kids, young men and young women, who are marooned by the strictures of an entrenched ideological norm.

So last weekend it was heartening to see dad, Brian, and older brother Patrick carry on the legacy of a 21-year-old hockey manager. Brian and Patrick push forward in the quest with the full blessing of the National Hockey League and 30 professional hockey players who are all lending their voice in an ad campaign. At the news conference the Burkes explained that the campaign "aims to change homophobic attitudes on the ice and the field." The efforts are bolstered by a stirring video, which is posted on the website, youcanplayproject.org. The message in the video is strong, cogent, forthright and compelling. "If you can skate, you can skate." "If you can shoot, you can shoot." "If you can score, you can score." "If you can play, you can play." Several NHL stars, Daniel Alfredsson, Rick Nash, Dion Phaneuf, among others, are in the video. "Gay athletes need to know that if they're good enough to make the team, their sexual orientation is irrelevant," Patrick, a Philadelphia Flyers scout, told CTV News. "There are a lot of people in the sports world who are a member of the LGBT community who may feel like they're outcasts and like they can't be themselves. We need to eliminate the homophobic slurs, we need to make locker rooms safe places. "We're losing athletes. Sometimes it's in the form of (suicide), which is obviously the worst possible thing that could ever happen. We're losing kids who want to play sports because they think they're not welcome there." I watched the video and my mind drifted back to a football player that I knew once. He played every game, and went to every practice with a secret. He was gay. And no. There's absolutely nothing wrong with that.



By Terrance Gavan

Peewee A's beat Otters 5-2

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Dr Ed Smolen Family Dentistry's Peewee A's played the second game of their Muskoka-Parry Sound playoff series in Haliburton against the Huntsville Otters last Sunday. Both teams were short of players, so although it was interesting, it certainly wasn't pretty. There was no scoring in the first period. The second period saw the Storm come out on top, with the first goal going to Matt Wilbee, assisted by Chris Thompson and Kyle Cooper. Mark Saville got the second, assisted by Greg Crofts and Ethan Keefer, and the third went to Max MacNaull, assisted by Wilbee and Cooper, making it 3-0 at the end of the second

period. But given the mish-mash of hockey and penalties, who knew what the third period would bring. The Otters came out looking for some scoring and managed to dash goalie Parker Smolen's shutout with two quick goals. But their celebration was short-lived, as the Storm boys came back and scored two more to win the game 5-2 and the series 2-0. The third period goals were by Wilbee, assisted by Cooper and Thompson, and an open netter by MacNaull, assisted by Cooper and Keefer. The next part of the Muskoka-Parry Sound series is apparently to be against Parry Sound, but at press time no dates had been set.

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The Duchene year from Hades continues

By Terrance Gavan

If you follow TSN you've already seen the replay.

If you've got a weak stomach, we would suggest you not watch an ugly looking ankle twist suffered by Haliburton's Matt Duchene this past Tuesday night.

As we went to press the extent of Duchene's injury was not known. Colorado Avalanche Head Coach Joe Sacco would only say, after Duchene was helped off the ice in a game against the Minnesota Wild, that his ankle would be assessed on Wednesday.

The new injury occurs just three weeks after Duchene returned from a debilitating left knee injury which kept the speedy forward out of Colorado's line up for five weeks.

The Avs, who are struggling to keep their playoff hopes alive, beat Minnesota 7-1.

It appeared that Duchene was tripped up by the stick of Minnesota's Nick Palmieri.

"Duchene was wheeled into the team's X-ray room after the game on a cart," said a report from the Denver Post.



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Coaches: Jamie Lloyd-Gottinger, James Raposo, Craig Crowe, Scott Coles, Ashley Walker.

Photo courtesy of Highland Storm

Forever young: the Glen Dart reaches 60

By Stephen Patrick

This past weekend saw the 60th annual Glen Dart Memorial hockey tournament, named after Haliburton's 1940s and 50s recreation director. The Dart family, who owned and operated the village bakery in the 1930s and 40s, had always been a hockey family. Reg Dart coached at many levels, and his sons, Jack and Glen were prominent players.

After the war, Glen became Haliburton's recreation director, coaching all the minor hockey teams, until his tragic and untimely death in 1951. A committee was soon

formed to organize a suitable memorial, and a year later, in 1952, the first annual Glen Dart Memorial Hockey Tournament took place.

The early tournament was, by design, an entirely local affair. Teams from Haliburton, West Guilford, Wilberforce, Gooderham and Eagle Lake all took part. Throughout the years the focus of the tournament shifted somewhat to include teams from other counties, but in the last few years, with the advent of the Haliburton Storm's highly successful House League, it has returned to its roots.

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Highland Storm Pee wee AE defeat Lakefield

By Suzanne Haedicke

Despite an unusually late start time the Haliburton Home Hardware Highland Storm Pee wee AE's posted a 3-1 victory in regional playdowns last Friday, March 2.

The Storm's first goal occurred at the halfway point of the first period on a power play. A shot from Jacob Haedicke rebounded to Mitch Billings and off to the stick of Jon Morrison, who found an opening to make it 1-0 Storm.

Lakefield tied it up with five minutes left in the first period.

The Storm team worked well in the second period, killing off a two-man advantage for a minute, and kept shutting down Lakefield's power play.

The Storm picked up some momentum and capitalized on great passes with another goal by Billings, assisted by Morrison and Alex Wilbee.

With just less than two minutes left in the second, Morrison received an excellent breakaway pass from Ryan Prentice and put it away, stretching the lead to 3-1 at the end of two.

Both teams played an entertaining back and forth third period: lots of chances but no goals. It was another solid game by the Storm Pee wee AE team.

They are up two games in the semi-final series.

Highlander sports

Solutions are on page 22



L to R: Zack Williams, Glen Bagg, Alanna Casper & Cody Williams.

Minden curlers win Goldline Challenge

Submitted by Gord Sheehan

The Minden Curling Club hosted the third annual Goldline Challenge, an elementary school-age bonspiel, on Sunday, March 4. There were teams from Haliburton, Woodville, Bobcaygeon and Minden participating in the three-game spiel.

The first place team was Minden's Williams rink: Cody Williams, Skip; Alanna Casper, Vice; Glenn Bagg, Second; Zack Williams, Lead; coached by John Childs.

The second place went to Minden's Cox rink: Emma Cox, Skip; Alyssa Denyer, Vice; Gabriel Petric, Second; Sara Bull, Lead; coached by Russ Duhaime. Both teams received new brooms courtesy of Goldline Curling Supplies.

We would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting this bonspiel. Good luck to all the teams that are going on to participate in this year's Timbits Provincial Championship!

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Highlander events

Our events calendar will be back next week.

Bowling for the arts

Bowl for Artists in the Schools

Saturday, April 14

4:30-6:30 pm or 6:30-8:30 pm

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For further information, visit www.haliburtonarts.on.ca

By Mark Arike

Are you someone who's passionate about the arts in our community? Do you feel the arts have a place in the school curriculum?

The third annual Bowl-a-Thon for the Artists in the Schools program is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at The Fast Lane in Minden. In the past two years, this event has raised over \$9,000 for this arts-based program, which connects local artists with students in all five of Haliburton County's elementary schools.

This school year, 19 artists will have provided 101 Artists in the Schools sessions to 500 students in all five of Haliburton County's elementary schools. Ceramic artists, puppeteers, actors, musicians, dancers, painters and a number of other artists have all designed and delivered these sessions, which are integrated into the curriculum.

The program, which is run by the Arts Council - Haliburton Highlands, launched in 2004.

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Michael Thomas Ziorjen

July 14, 1955 – February 10, 2012

February 10th became a very sad day for our family. Thomas died. He took with him an amazing talent, understanding and passion for art. He attended Sheridan College of Applied Arts and Technology in Oakville. He worked for some time in Toronto as a graphic arts designer. When he, his wife and son moved to B.C. he soon made many friends in the art scene in Vancouver and along the coast. Forever searching for what would fulfill his artistic needs he not only created art, he shared his talent by teaching at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) and various art groups in his studio. Over the years his art was on display at a variety of art galleries and traveling art exhibits in Europe. With the advent of digital art Thomas immersed himself into the computer world; also participated in exhibits at the Los Angeles Center for digital Art (LACD). Besides his art he used his patience to teach newbies to the computer world how to navigate in this medium, specially the elderly with whom he developed many wonderful friendships; they will miss him greatly. During the last few years he lived in Sechelt, along the sunshine coast with his wife Jane Randle, his sons Matthew and Tristan, whom he loved passionately. His sister Jacqueline Ziorjen of Minden and her partner Dan Geffros; her daughter Allana of Ottawa; his youngest sister Corry Ziorjen, her husband Chris Bunker, their boys Andrew and Zac of Bracebridge; his aunt Christiane St. Aubin of Meadowvale; his cousin Dawn St. Aubin of Burlington and Mom and Dad Margot and Gino Ziorjen of Minden are missing him terribly. We all hope that Thomas found peace. To all the people who have so kindly sent cards, flowers, made phone calls and have been very generous with hugs, thank you. It's so good to live in such a caring community.

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Who Should Attend? Tourism businesses, organizations, and attractions interested in reaching new customers through packaging. Others who are interested in packaging are welcome to attend the half-day introduction.

Part 1: Introduction to Tourism Packaging – March 22 2012 from 8:30am to 12:30pm

This half-day workshop is designed to provide a basic understanding of the different levels and types of packaging and benefits. It includes:

- Introduction to Packaging and the Packaging Continuum
- Overview of Experiential Tourism Packages, Bundles and Itineraries
- Connecting to Market Using the Cascading Marketing Approach
- References and sources of information
- Next Steps – Am I Ready to Package?

Part 2: Tourism Package Development – April 18 and/or April 25 2012 from 8:30am to 4:00pm

This practical, hands-on full-day workshop is designed to assist you in creating market-ready packages with other tourism businesses and operators. It will include:

- Building themed packages for specific target markets and seasons
- Step by step instructions and small group work with partners to build distinctive packages
- Networking and collaboration opportunities
- Understanding how to promote your package through OHTO and other provincial and national programs

Advanced registration is required by **March 15, 2012**. NOTE: All attendees must be members of Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization. It is FREE to join! For more information and to become a member, please visit www.ohto.ca/members/become-a-member/. To register now, contact us at admin@haliburtonchamber.com.



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Haliburton's Iditarod team off and running

Hank DeBruin must drop two dogs

By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton's Winterdance family, Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready, along with kids Dustyn, Logan, Jessica and Micaela are in Alaska right now, monitoring Hank's progress across Alaska on a blinking GPS map.

It's Hanks second attempt to finish the Iditarod, after a failed chance in 2010.

Last year Hank and his Winterdance Dogsled Tours team panted, howled and yelped their way to a last place finish in the Yukon Quest, widely regarded as the toughest sled dog challenge in the world.

This year, Hank and Tanya, who operate Winterdance Dogsled Tours here in Haliburton, think they have a winning plan in place.

Tanya is keeping over 1,000 Facebook fans apprised of Hank's progress on the Winterdance social media page.

Wednesday morning an update notified readers that Hank was moving well.

"Hank is half way to Nikolai through the burn, generally the worst section of trail in

the race," said Tanya. "However they say this year it isn't as bad. This run is 72 miles so his plan was to divide it in half and give the dogs a rest for four hours or so part way through. I imagine that is why you see him stopped now (on the GPS). He did drop two dogs in Rohn, but they can't tell us which two yet."

Tanya says her brother Ward McCready is in charge of recovering both dogs, but on Tuesday night a blizzard had socked Rohn in and did not allow bush planes to fly in for a pick up.

Tanya, via a recent update, says that both dogs are expected to be back from Rohn some time on Wednesday.

"Both dogs will be flown to McGrath today so will be in the excellent care of Dr. Tucker and our friends Celeste, Jane and Randy, so I won't be worried about them," writes Tanya. "Sun set clear here in Anchorage tonight and it was a gorgeous drive back from Seward this evening. Our plane is in Anchorage now and barring a major weather change will be ready to fly tomorrow morning to Nikolai and McGrath. Hank's plan is to take a 24-hour stop in Takotna and back up supplies were also sent to McGrath."

At the last report Hank and the remaining dogs had passed the Nikolai checkpoint, traveling at a good pace.

This Week's Solutions

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Winter Folk Camp welcomes a Canadian Legend

Ken Whitely is the godfather of soul

By Terrance Gavan

He is Canada's troubadour, a roots and blues music legend who is at home on a raised stage, a folk festival knoll or, as he was last weekend, embraced in the loving arms of a winter's folk shuffle at Camp Wanakita, here in the Haliburton Highlands.

Ken Whitely was a special guest of the Winter Folk Camp, and he was there to pop a cork on the blues with a bunch of dedicated musicians who come to Haliburton each year to imbibe of the eclectic innuendo and teaching prowess of an all star cast which this year included Whitely, Teresa Doyle, Terry Young, Eve Goldberg, Lynn Miles and Sandra Swannell.

We made a point, this year — and every year — of attending the traditional gospel hour (and a half), a folk camp staple that brings all of the performers and teachers together in the great hall. There, they proceeded collectively to numb our soul and blow our mind.

This year, Whitely led the camp departure to the only music that matters in North America. Gospel is roots, and the root of all that is music today: blues, rock and roll, hip hop, R&B, rap and soul all stem from one slim rose — gospel. Who better than Ken Whitely, a white-bearded god of mandolin, guitar, freestyle vocal and whimsy, to lead a full camp and join all those voices and instruments in an open journey into a sublime dance with our musical roots.

Gospel is Aretha, Little Stevie Wonder, Whitney, Gladys and so many more who contrived without contrivance to elevate slaves' pathos to mythic heights.

Whitely's harsh rasping voice is impeccably groomed for the blues and steeped deep in gospel. He sang last Sunday and then he led a room to a spiritual abyss, where eyes closed and bodies swayed.

No slouch, this white haired legend. Among his numerous accolades are a Canadian Folk Music Award, Genie Award for Best Original Song in a Canadian film, and Lifetime Achievement recognition from the Ontario Council of Folk Festivals and Mariposa Folk Festival. He has also been



Ken Whitely was a special guest at the Winter Folk Camp last weekend. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

nominated for seven Juno awards and 14 Maple Blues Awards.

So, we treaded quietly up to Whitely as campers slid out the doors of the big house, and asked if he knew our cousin David Gavan Baxter, an equally heralded guitar picker who hosts open mike at Toronto's Cameron House. The white brows lifted and he replied simply, "well yes I do, as a matter of fact."

It makes what we so often seek, where the whole becomes more than the sum of the parts. And it really creates magic.

And we started talking; a wonderful interlude and one of our most cherished interviews to date.

Asked for his impression of his inaugural Winter Folk Camp, Whitely was as compliant as a soft stream.

"I feel right at home," says Whitely. "Everybody is so welcoming and the organization of this whole event

manages to find that perfect balance between kind of having it together and a structure that also runs smoothly without it being uptight. It's not rigid and there's a real flow to the day.

"The staff here at Camp Wanakita are great and the participants are great. It makes what we so often seek, where the whole becomes more than the sum of the parts. And it really creates magic."

Whitely was asked about the gospel circle and what it meant to him, because he appeared completely in the thrall of the moment, eyes closed, listening to the words and the music.

"I think gospel is a wonderful way to bring people together," says Whitely. "The songs are written for group singing, and I think that all of us, whatever our particular religious beliefs are, have a strong desire to come together."

"It's such a strong, positive tradition and I'm honoured to be part of it. In particular we get people from all over, different faiths, feeling comfortable and it opens all of us up. So Jesus didn't just speak to the converted. His message was universal. Take it to the highways. It's important for those of us who do have a faith background to make that statement to people that religion is about bringing people together. It's about affirming and it's something that is universal. I think sometimes people see religion as something that separates us and I personally think that it's an unfortunate trend, and you see it in the Republican presidential goings on."

"We're all children of God. So we have a responsibility to each other: to care for each other and nurture each other. And music is such a great way to do that."

Whitely concludes with a personal observation.

"That's where I'm at in this world," says Whitely. "I'm a professional musician and I feel so lucky to have what we had here today. I just try to present that and feed peoples souls."

You go, brother Whitely.

And kudos to the organizers of this year's Winter Folk Camp, including the Highlands' Thom Lambert who put his own imprimatur on the event this year.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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